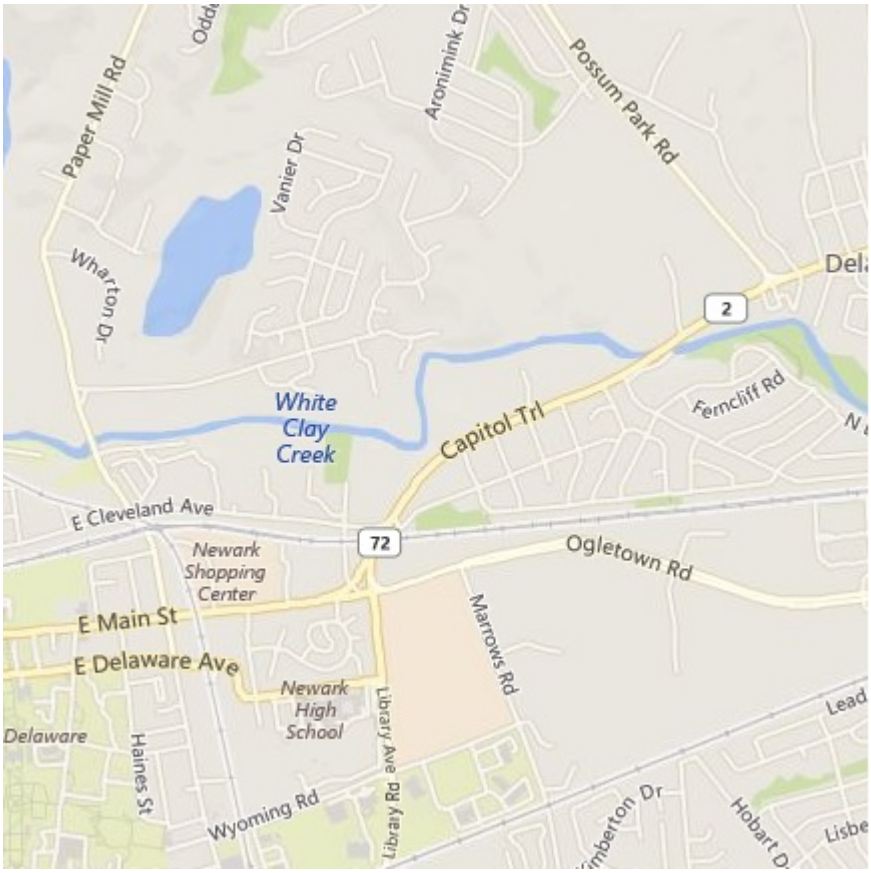
Traffic Advisory- Troopers Investigate Crash



Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

Newark- Delaware State Police are currently investigating a crash which has caused the partial closure of a Newark area roadway.

The initial investigation has determined that the crash occurred at approximately 12:57 a.m. this morning, Thursday, March 30, 2017, on DE Rt. 2 (Capitol Trail) in the area of Possum Park Road, and involves a single vehicle which struck several unoccupied parked cars and a utility pole in the parking lot of the Possum Park Apartments. The male operator and sole occupant of the vehicle has been removed from the scene and transported to the Christiana Hospital to be treated for non-life threatening injuries.

As a result of the crash, DE Rt. 2 has been has been closed in both directions between E. Cleveland Avenue and Possum Park Road, and is expected to remain closed for an extended period of time. Commuters are asked to seek alternate routes of travel.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police. **Further details will be released at the conclusion of the investigation.**

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Troopers Investigate 7-11 Robbery



Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

Wilmington (19809)- Delaware State Police are currently investigating the robbery of a Wilmington area 7-11 store that occurred yesterday morning.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident happened at approximately 6:20 a.m. yesterday, Tuesday, March 28, 2017, as a male suspect entered the 7-11 store located at 4865 Governor Printz Boulevard, Wilmington. He then approached the sales counter and presented the female clerk with a demand note for cash. The suspect also implied that he was armed, however, he did not display a weapon. The clerk complied with the suspect's demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of money to him. The suspect then demanded cigarettes as well, and after receiving them, he exited the store and fled in an unknown direction. The clerk was not injured.

The suspect was described as a black male 25-35 years of age. He was 5'06"-5'10" tall, weighed 190-220 lbs., and was last seen wearing a black shirt, black jeans, a black jacket, and a red hooded sweatshirt. There is no further physical or clothing description available.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact the Robbery Unit at Troop 2, Glasgow, at 302-365-8566. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.tipsubmit.com, or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword "DSP."

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Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash Involving a Pedestrian- Bear- **Update**



Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

Bear -Delaware State Police have identified the male victim who was struck and killed in the hit-and-run crash which occurred in the parking lot of 2000 Firedancer Lane on Sunday, March 26, 2017, as Lester Mateo, 23, of Pennsville, NJ.

The investigation into this incident is continuing and the Delaware State Police are asking anyone who may have any

information to contact Det. Scott Mauchin at 302-365-8414. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.tipsubmit.com, or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword "DSP."

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State Police Investigating Robbery of Little Heaven Shore Stop

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Little Heaven– The Delaware State Police are investigating the robbery of a gas station that occurred last evening.

The incident occurred at approximately 9:39p.m., Sunday March 26, 2017, as a male subject armed with a knife entered the Shore Stop, located at 7865 Bay Road. The suspect approached a store employee and demanded cash. The employee complied with the demand and turned over an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect then exited the store and fled in an unknown direction. The clerk was not injured.

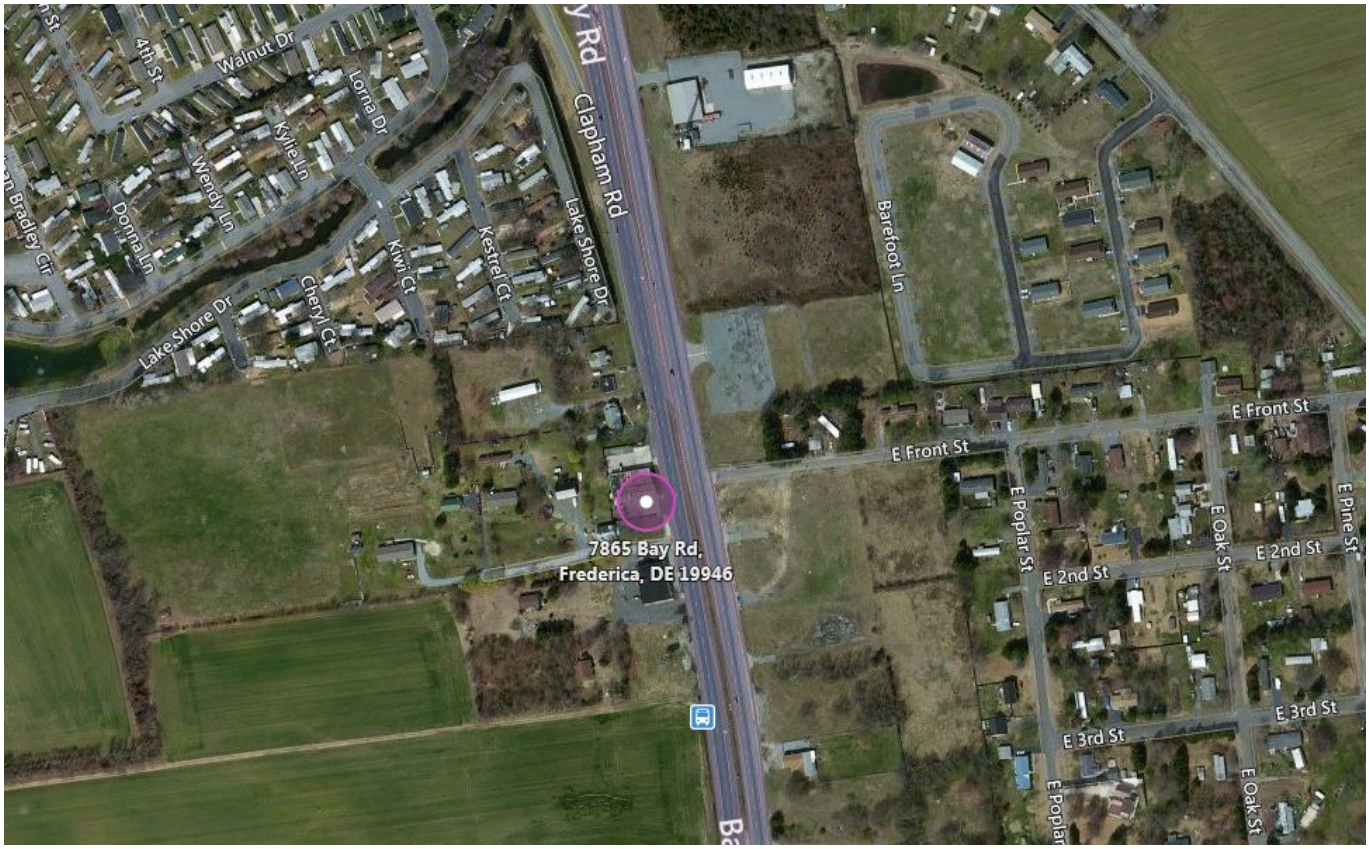
The suspect was described as black male, 20-25 years of age,

5’11”-6’00” tall, 160-170 lbs., wearing a hooded sweatshirt pulled up and tightened around his face (No further physical or clothing description). Armed with a knife.

No surveillance photos available.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact Detective M. Weintstein at 302-698-8443. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com, or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword “DSP.”

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Traffic Stop Leads to Drug Charges

Presented by the Director of Public Information Sergeant Richard D. Bratz

Laurel, De. – The Delaware State Police have arrested a Laurel man after he was found to be in possession of heroin following a traffic stop on Saturday.

The preliminary investigation has determined the incident occurred on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at around 9:58 p.m. as troopers from the Troop 5 Pro-active Criminal Enforcement (P.A.C.E.) team were on patrol in the area of Townsend Street and West Street, Laurel. It was at this time the troopers observed a black Dodge pickup truck traveling on Townsend Street turn left without activating his left turn signal. A traffic stop was initiated and the suspect vehicle entered the Shore Stop parking lot located at 405 North Central Avenue, Laurel. Upon coming into contact with the operator and sole occupant of the vehicle, later identified as **Robert L. Jones**, 32 of Laurel, they detected the odor of marijuana coming from inside of the car. A subsequent search of the suspect and the vehicle was conducted at which time troopers located and seized more than 87 grams of heroin, approximately five grams of marijuana and fifty-two suspected heroin bags. Robert L. Jones was taken into custody without incident.

Robert L. Jones was transported to Troop 5, Bridgeville where he was charged with Manufactures, delivers, or PWID a controlled substance, Possession of Heroin in a Tier 5 Quantity, Possession of Marijuana and Failure to signal. Jones was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution in default of $10,200.00 secured bond.

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Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash Involving a Pedestrian – Bear



Presented by the Director of Public Information Sergeant Richard D. Bratz

Bear, De. – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal hit and run crash that occurred this morning involving a pedestrian.

The incident occurred today around 1:28 a.m. Saturday, March 26, 2017 near the Nuevo Rodeo, located at 2000 Firedancer Lane Bear, De. The pedestrian was walking in the parking lot when an unknown driver operating a Cadillac Escalade struck the pedestrian. After the pedestrian was knocked to the ground, the vehicle continued striking a parked vehicle and the building of the Alpha Worship Center. Immediately after the collisions the operator fled the area in an unknown direction.

The pedestrian was treated at the scene by the New Castle County paramedics and then transported to the Christiana Hospital where the victim was pronounced deceased. Alcohol involvement is undetermined at this point. The investigation is continuing by the Collision Reconstruction Unit and CIU.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact Master Corporal J. Aube at

302-365-8483. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com, or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword “DSP.”

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Homeless Sex Offender Notification

Presented by the Director of Public Information Sergeant Richard D. Bratz

***Dover*— The following are not wanted.** This is a Homeless Sex Offender Public Notification. If you have information that any of the listed subjects are occupying a residence, please call 302-672-5306. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the

internet at http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword “DSP.”

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State Police Arrest Lewes Man for Abusing Foster Child

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Lewes – The Delaware State Police have arrested a 30-year-old Lewes man after an investigation revealed he physically assaulted his foster child.

The investigation began Wednesday March 22, 2017 when troopers were dispatched to the 30000 block of Cindy Way for a report of child abuse. Upon arrival, troopers contacted the reporting party in the complaint who stated his boyfriend, who was identified as **Jesse A. Allard**, 30, had been physically abusing their 2-year-old male foster child while he was away from the house. The reporting person had suspected Allard of abusing the child and set up some cameras in the house to record any unusual incidents that may have been occurring. When he left the residence this evening, he was able to view

the cameras from his phone and observed Allard physically abusing the young child.

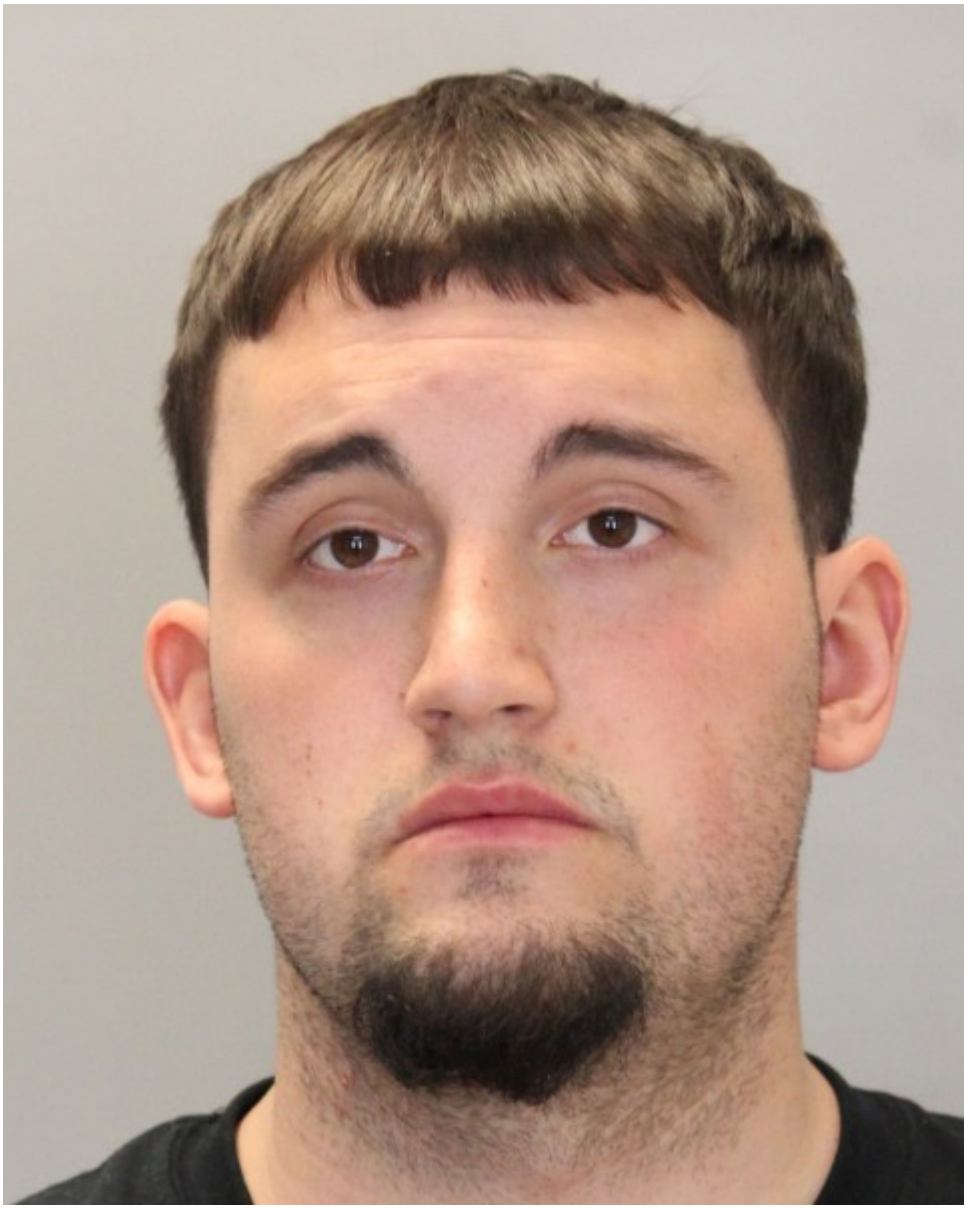
Troopers took Jesse Allard into custody at the residence and transported him back to Troop 7 where he was charged with Assault 2nd and Endangering the Welfare of a Child, both which are felonies. Allard was arraigned at JP3 and released after posting $3,500.00 secured bond. A condition of his release is not to have any private contact with anyone under the age of 12.

The 2-year-old boy was transported to Beebe Healthcare where he was treated and released with non-life-threatening injuries. Division of Family Services also responded to the hospital and removed the 2-year -old male victim and a 2 month old female that was also in foster care with the couple. The 2 month old was not injured and they were both placed in the care of another foster family.

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Troopers Arrest Man Following String of Parking Lot Robberies



Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

Wilmington- Delaware State Police have arrested a Wilmington man and charged him in connection with a series of parking lot robberies that have occurred in a Wilmington area shopping center.

On Wednesday, March 22, 2017, detectives arrested Zachary L. Jewell, 20, of Wilmington, after he was stopped by the Wilmington Police Department for a traffic violation. An officer at the scene realized that the vehicle Jewell was operating (Honda Accord) matched the description of the vehicle which had been observed fleeing a series of armed

robberies which had occurred in the parking lot of the Apollo Shopping Center located at 3615 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington. In each incident a male suspect would approach the victim as they were in the parking lot of the shopping center. He would then display a firearm and demand money. The victims all complied with the suspect's demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of money to him. He would then flee the area. There were no injuries.

Troopers responded to the scene of the car stop and took Jewell into custody. He was then transported to Troop 2 where he was subsequently charged with four counts of Robbery 1st Degree after he was linked to robberies which occurred in the shopping center on Friday, March 10, 2017, Monday, March 13, 2017, Thursday, March 16, 2017, and Sunday, March 19, 2017. He was arraigned at JP Court 2 and committed to the Howard Young Correctional Institution in default of $20,000.00 secured bail.

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Dover Man Succumbs to Injuries Sustained in March 4th Collision

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

West Dover – Troopers are investigating a two car crash that

occurred in the beginning of March resulting in the death of a Dover man.

The incident occurred around 9:18 p.m. Saturday March 4, 2017 as John D. Downs, 75 of Dover, was operating a 2007 Honda Ridgeline southbound on Chestnut Grove Road, stopped at the stop sign at Forest Avenue (SR8). Kristina Schweitzer, 45 of Hartly, was operating a 2008 Jeep Cherokee westbound on SR8 approaching the intersection of Chestnut Grove Road. The Honda pulled away from the stop sign to cross over SR8 and was struck on the driver's side door by the Jeep's front bumper. After the impact, the Honda spun in a counter-clockwise direction traveling in a southwesterly direction before coming to a stop on the south edge of SR8. The Jeep travelled in a southwesterly direction before coming to a stop in the east bound lane of SR8.

John Downs was properly restrained and transported by EMS to Bayhealth Kent General Hospital (KGH) where he was admitted in stable condition. He was later transferred to Bayhealth Milford Memorial Hospital where he died on Tuesday March 21, 2017.

Downs' 75-year-old wife was properly restrained in the passenger's seat and was transported to KGH with non-life-threatening injuries.

Kristina Schweitzer was properly restrained and was transported to KGH where she was treated and released with non-life-threatening injuries.

The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. Alcohol or drugs do not appear to be contributing factors on behalf of either driver.

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